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Dear Dr. Adams:

The Institute for Curriculum Services (ICS) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the History-Social Science Framework and appreciates the many positive changes that were made during the last revision of the Framework.

As we noted in the comments we submitted in January 2016 regarding the Framework, we present here our comments addressing the use in the Framework of problematic content from the California History-Social Science Project (CHSSP)'s "Cold War World Lesson #2: Decolonization," in the section on "CWW2.9 The Suez Canal Crisis Conference."

We kindly ask that these additional recommendations be considered by the History-Social Science Subject Matter Committee (SMC) of the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) as it prepares its report summarizing public comment about the upcoming Framework revision for the Board of Education. We also request that the ICS recommendations be forwarded to both of these bodies as they consider the revision.

As always, we share your goals of accuracy and excellence in educational materials for the educators and students of California. The Framework revision, including careful evaluation of all of its contents, is an important step in furthering this aim. ICS sincerely appreciates your outstanding leadership and the excellent work of your staff.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any clarification or help regarding ICS's suggested changes. ICS would be happy to work with the IQC's Subject Matter Committee, or with the CHSSP to suggest improvements that would make the abovementioned lesson both accurate and complete.

Sincerely,

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